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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FRANCHET, ET AL.  
SERIAL NO: 10/812,969 :  
FILED: MARCH 31, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793  
FOR: A METHOD OF FABRICATING A :  
HOLLOW MECHANICAL PART BY :  
DIFFUSION WELDING AND :  
SUPERPLASTIC FORMING

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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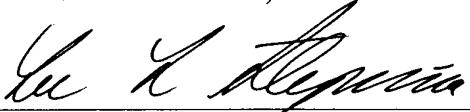
SIR:

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability mailed June 9, 2008, characterizes the claimed inventions in terms of certain features recited in independent Claim 1. However, independent Claims 14 and 22 do not recite every feature set forth in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. For example, independent Claim 14 does not recite that the anti-diffusion substance is disposed over an entire surface of the face of the primary part. Independent Claim 22 does not recite that the sintering is performed without melting the anti-diffusion substance.

Accordingly, Applicants understand the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to apply to independent Claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom, but not to independent Claims 14 and 22 and the claims depending therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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